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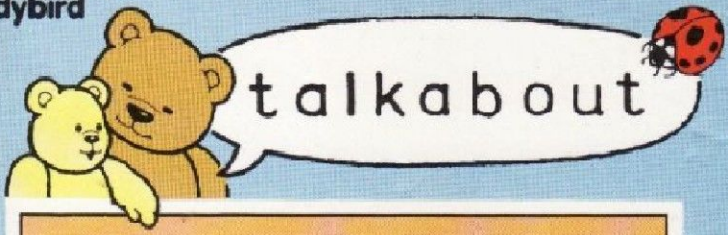

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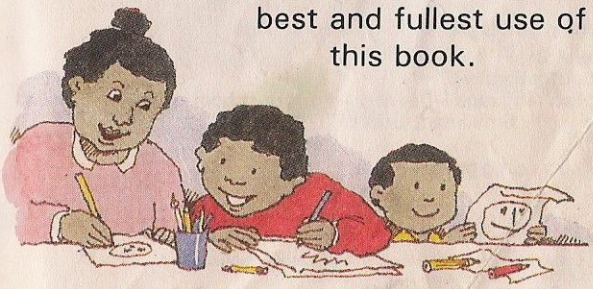
Learning begins at home and talking is an investment for life...

Talking – sharing thoughts, feelings, ideas (even silences) helps children to feel secure and eager to learn about the world around them. Talking is a vital step on the way to reading because children are building up a mental store of words.

Look at this book together and let your child take his* time. With encouragement and praise he will talk about the things he recognises and he will start to lead the discussion about

what is happening in the pictures.

Each child is an individual and develops at his own pace. Be patient if your child is struggling with words. It is more important to value what he *can* do than to become anxious about progress. The learning steps will all be taken in time, with your help. At the back of this book you will find suggestions on how to make the best and fullest use of this book.



* *In order to avoid the clumsy 'he/she', the child is referred to as 'he'.*

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Old Macdonald had a farm...

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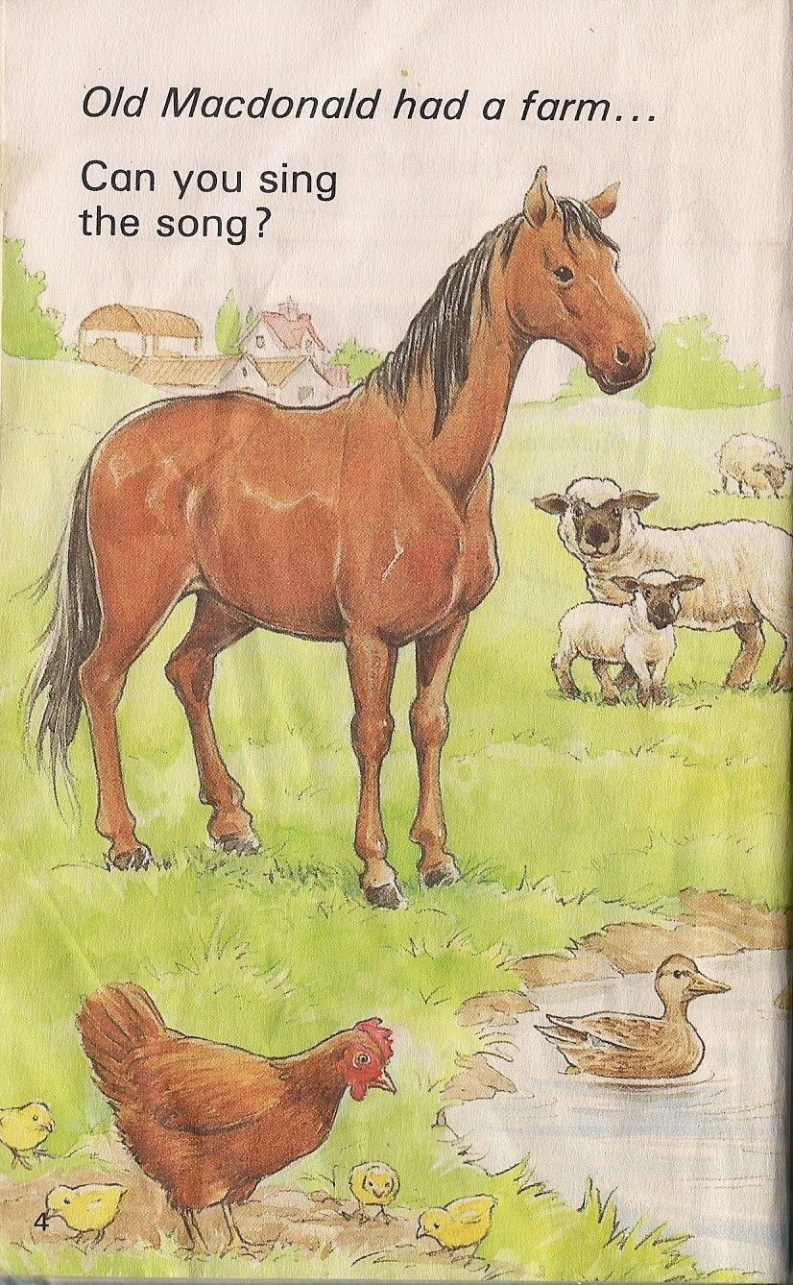
the song?



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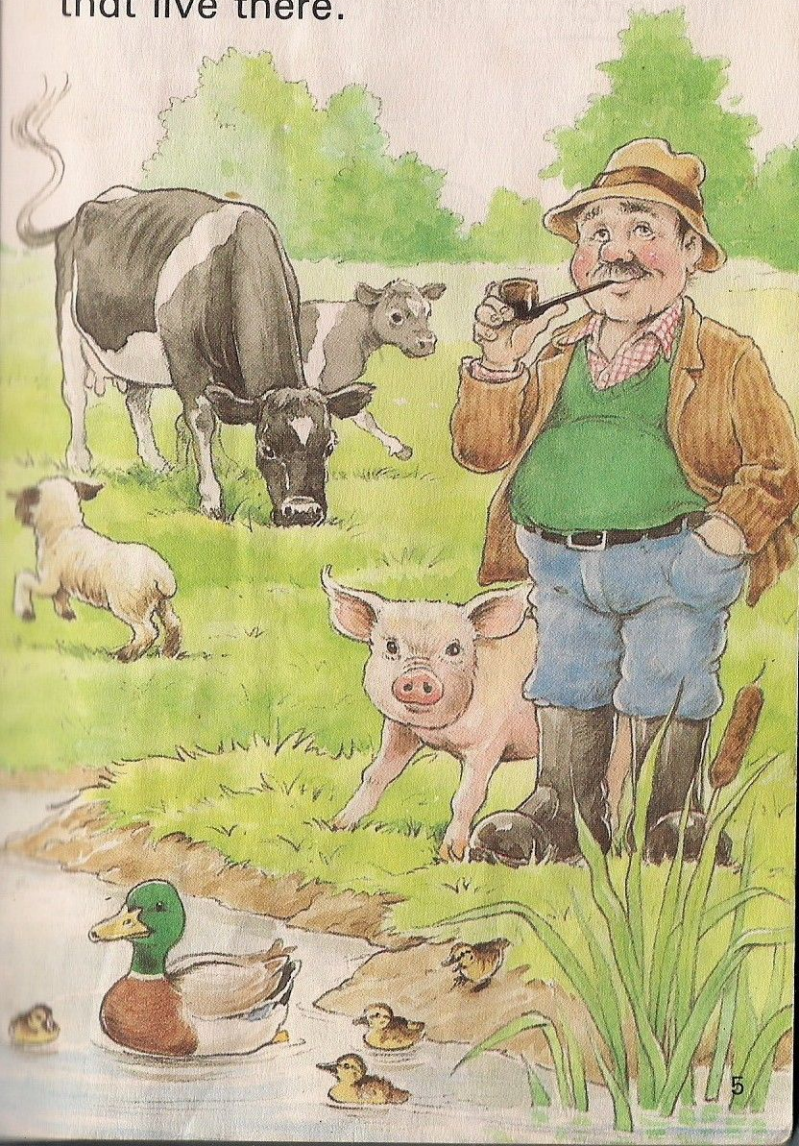
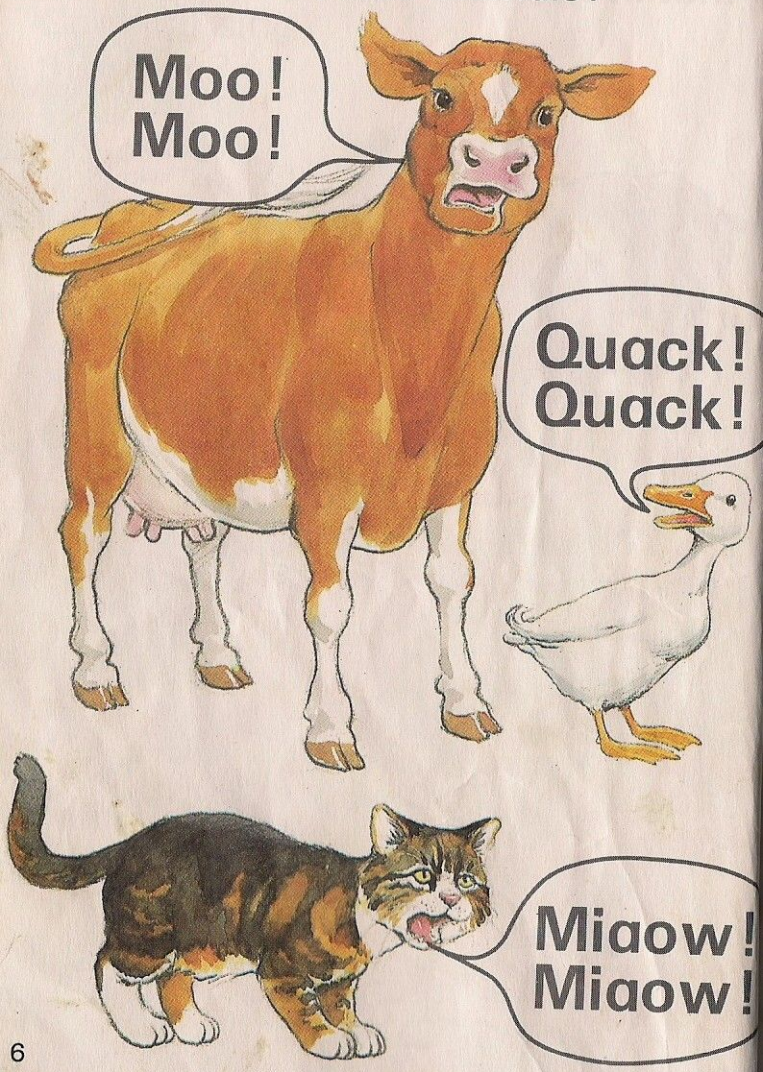
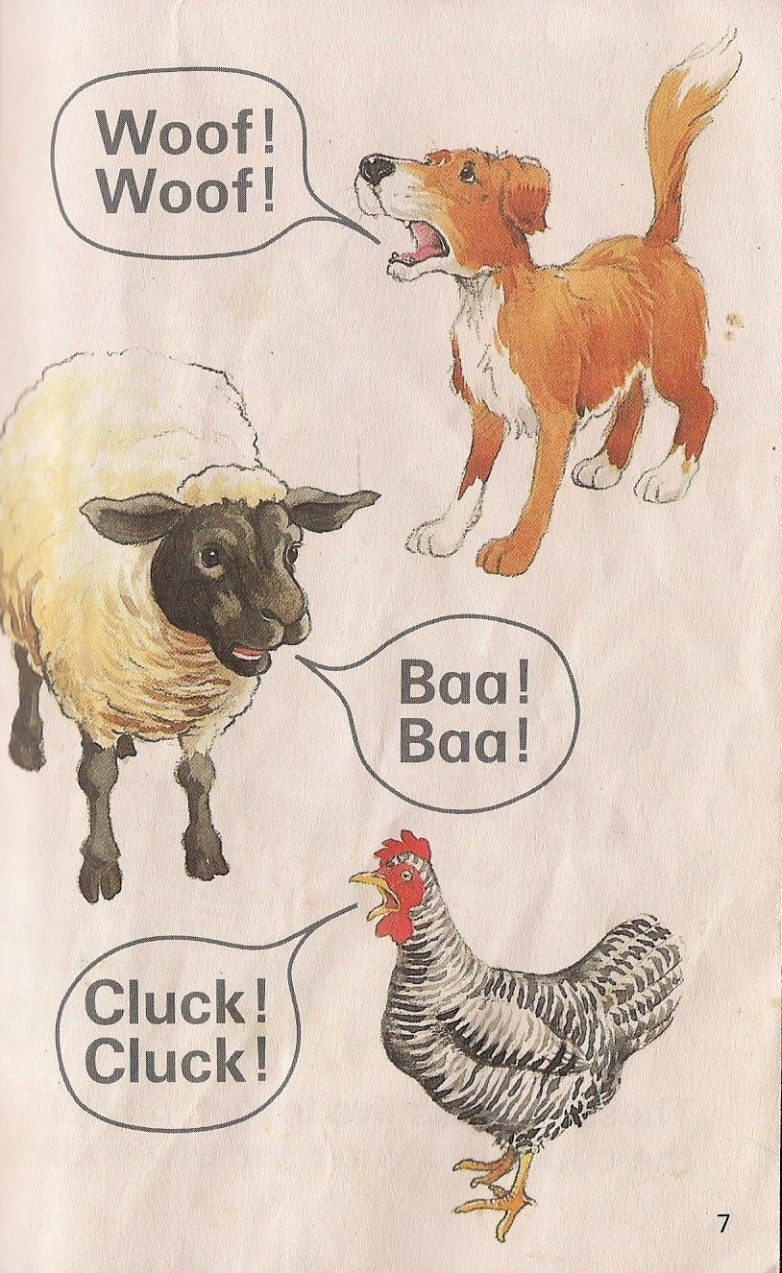
that live there.



Can you make a noise
like each of these animals?

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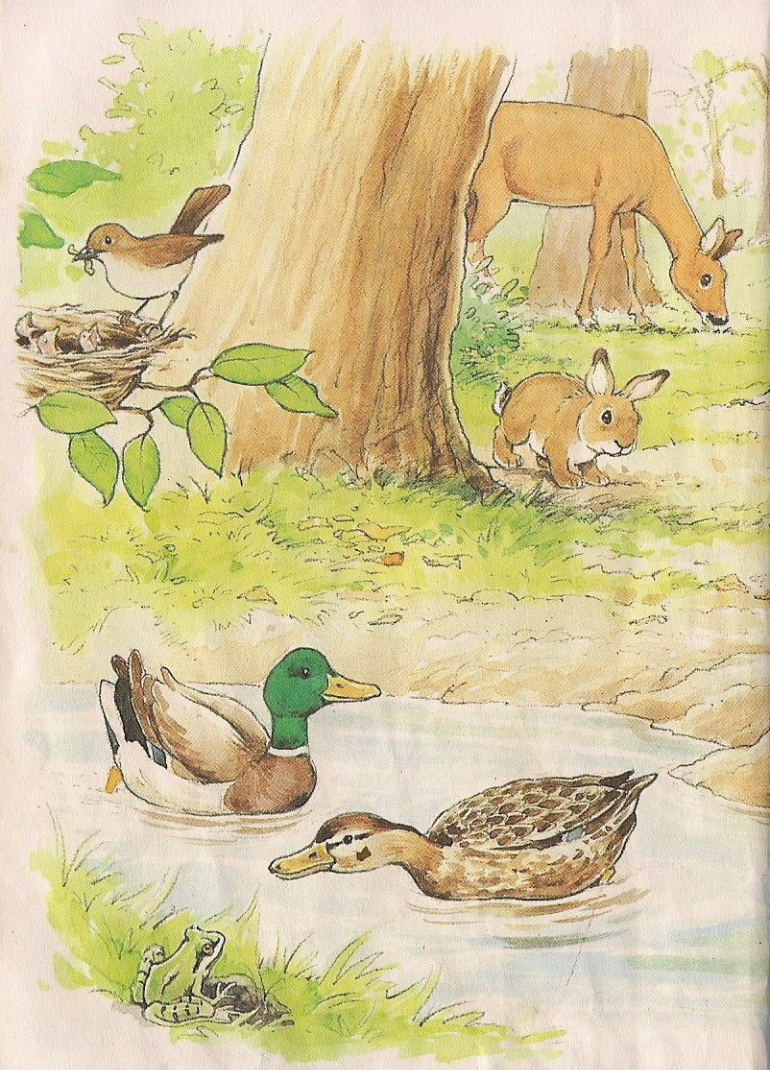
Baa!
Baa!
Cluck!
Cluck!



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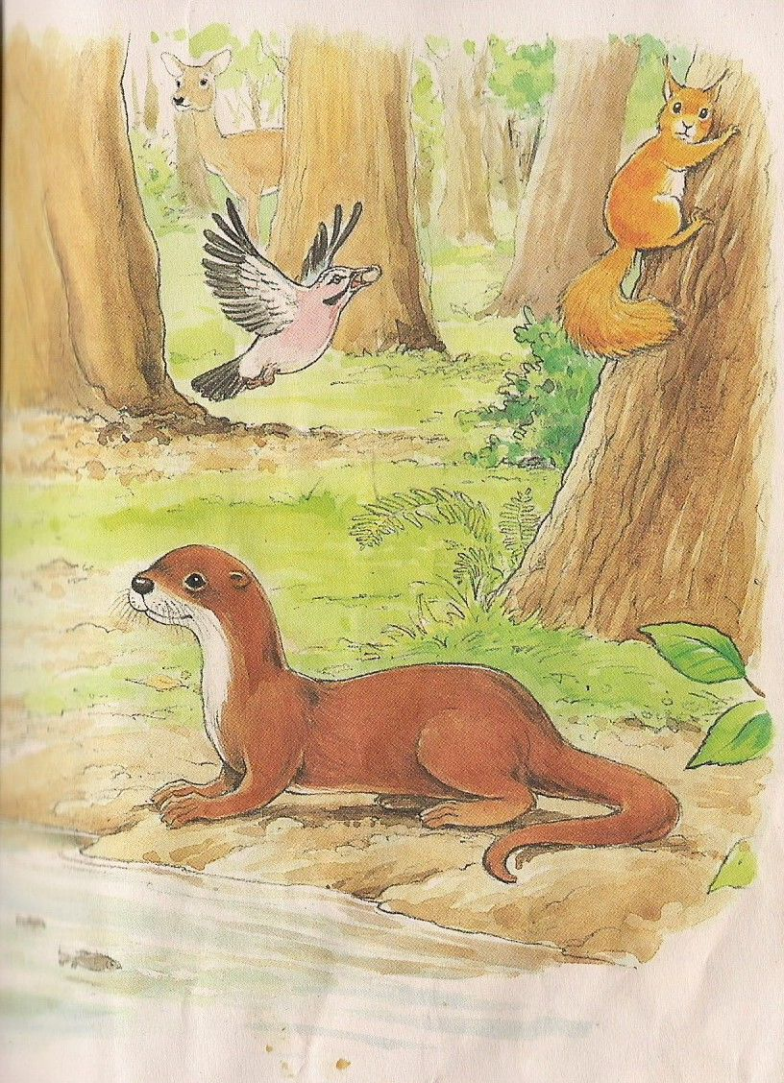
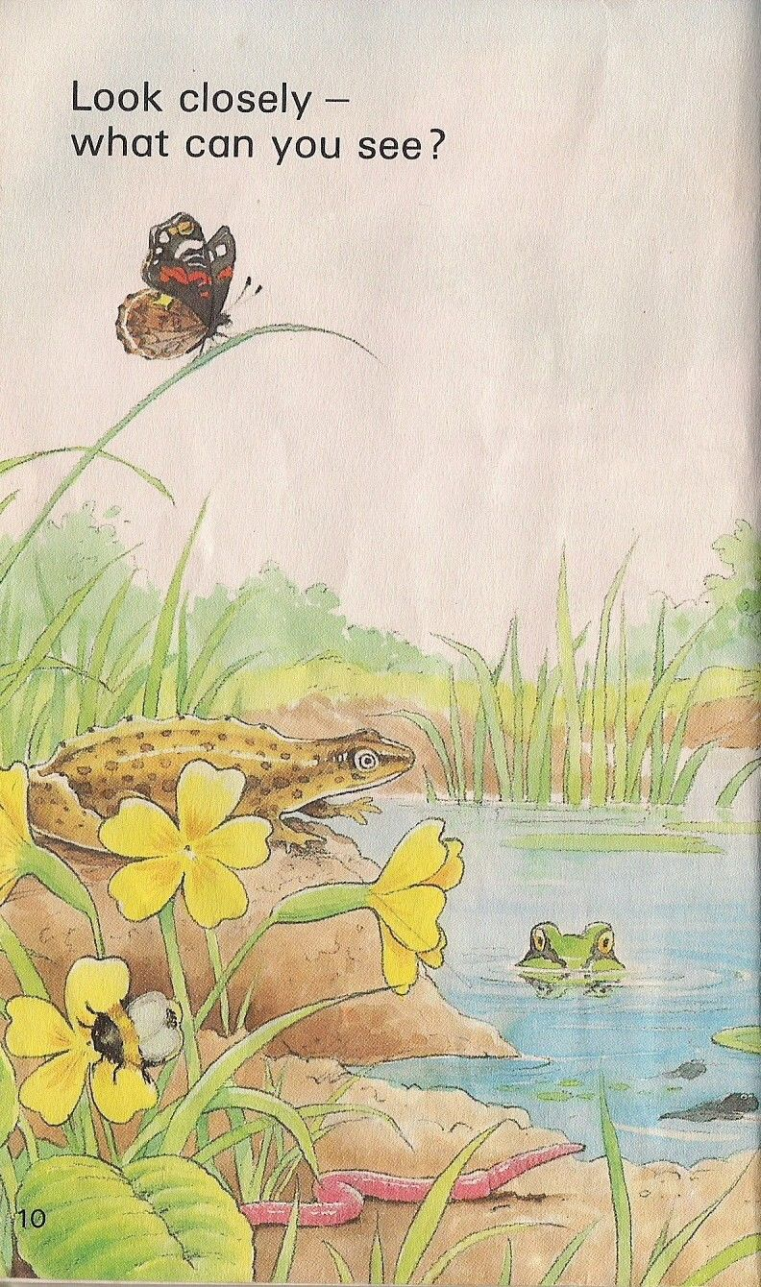
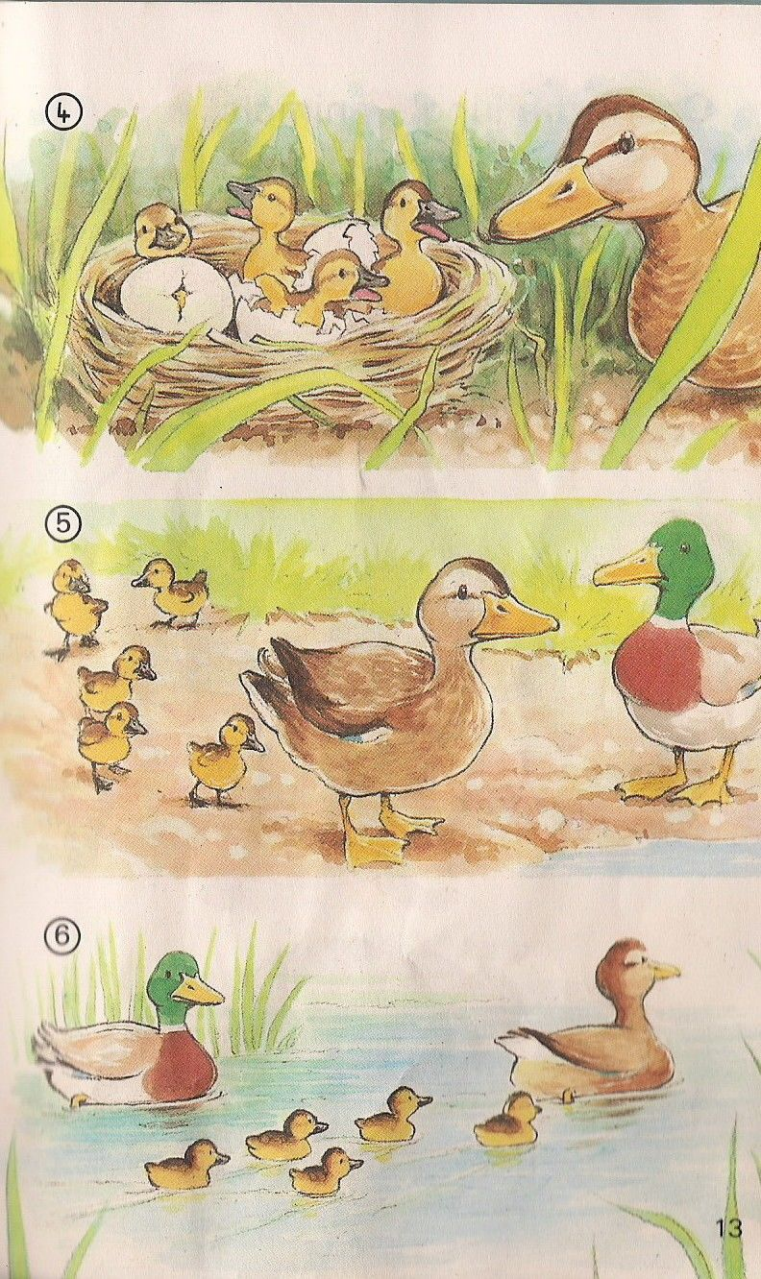


Do you know their names?
Have you seen any of them?

Look closely –
what can you see?



Can you tell the story of the duck family?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Count the jungle animals.

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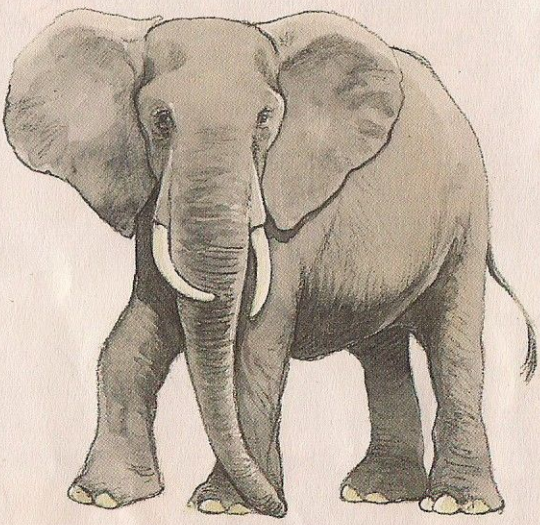

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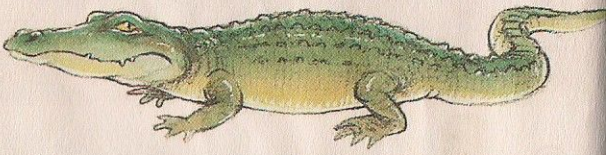

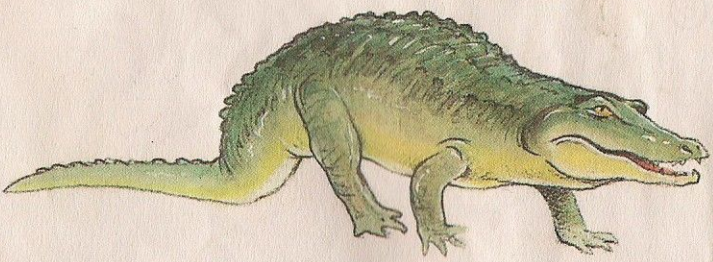

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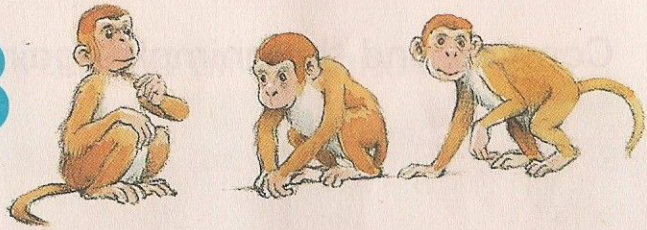

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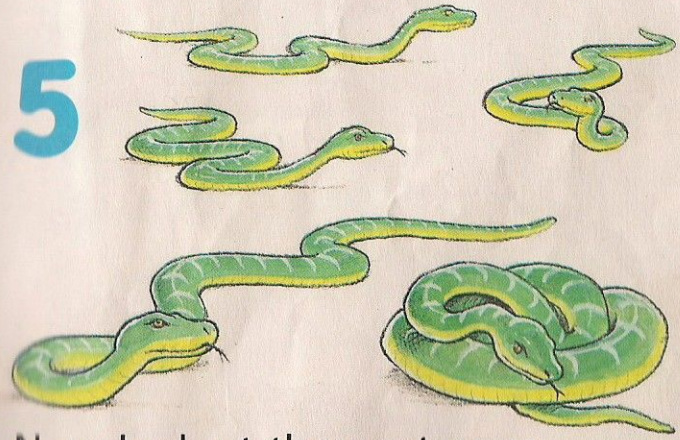
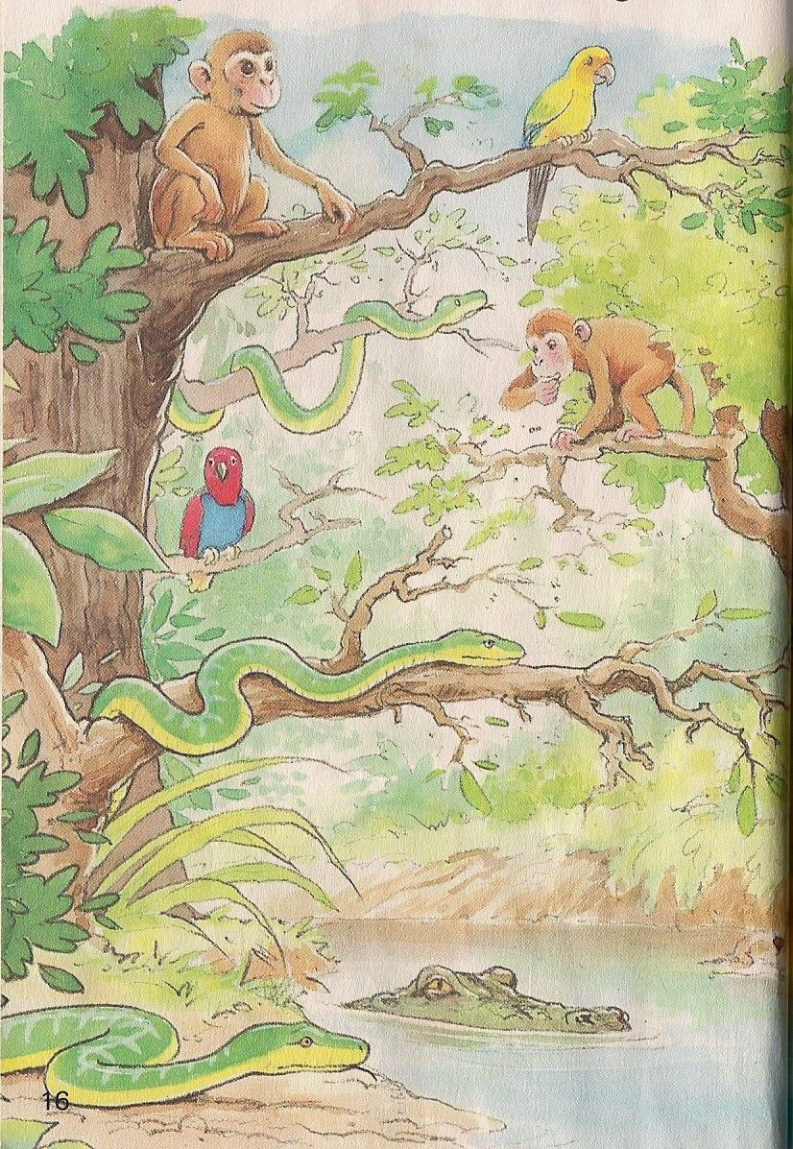
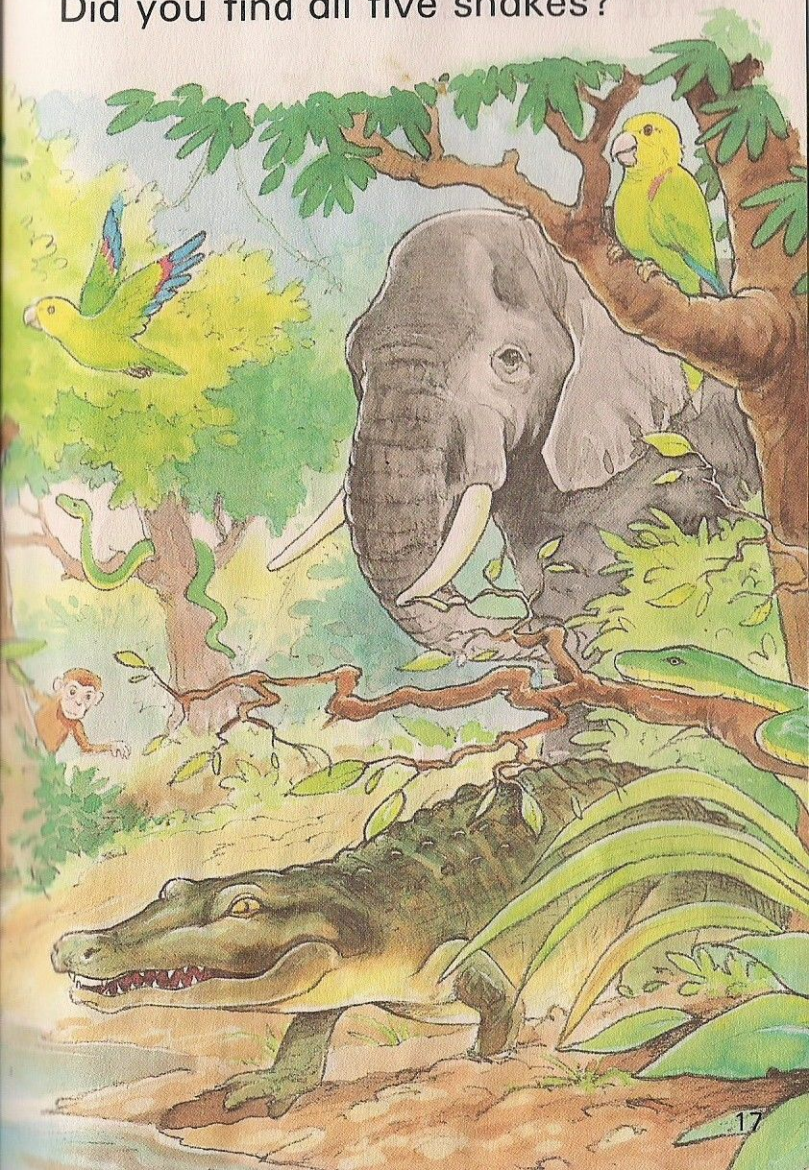


Now look at the next page.

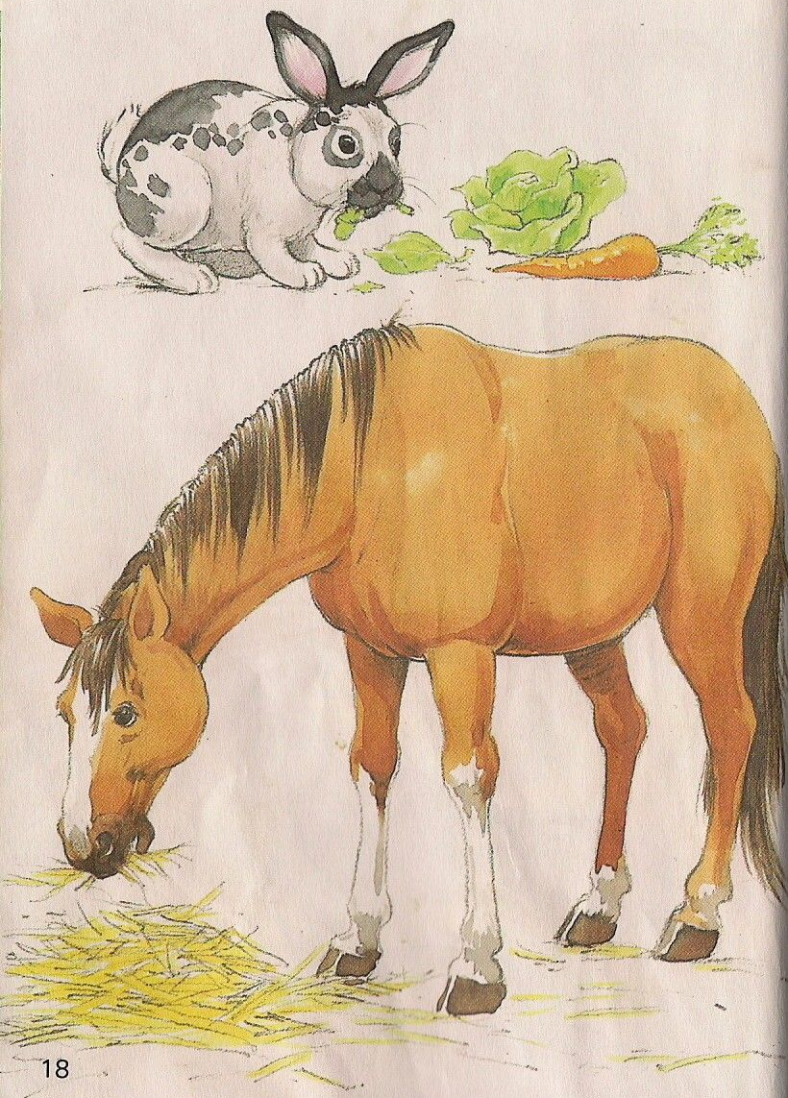
Can you find the animals again?

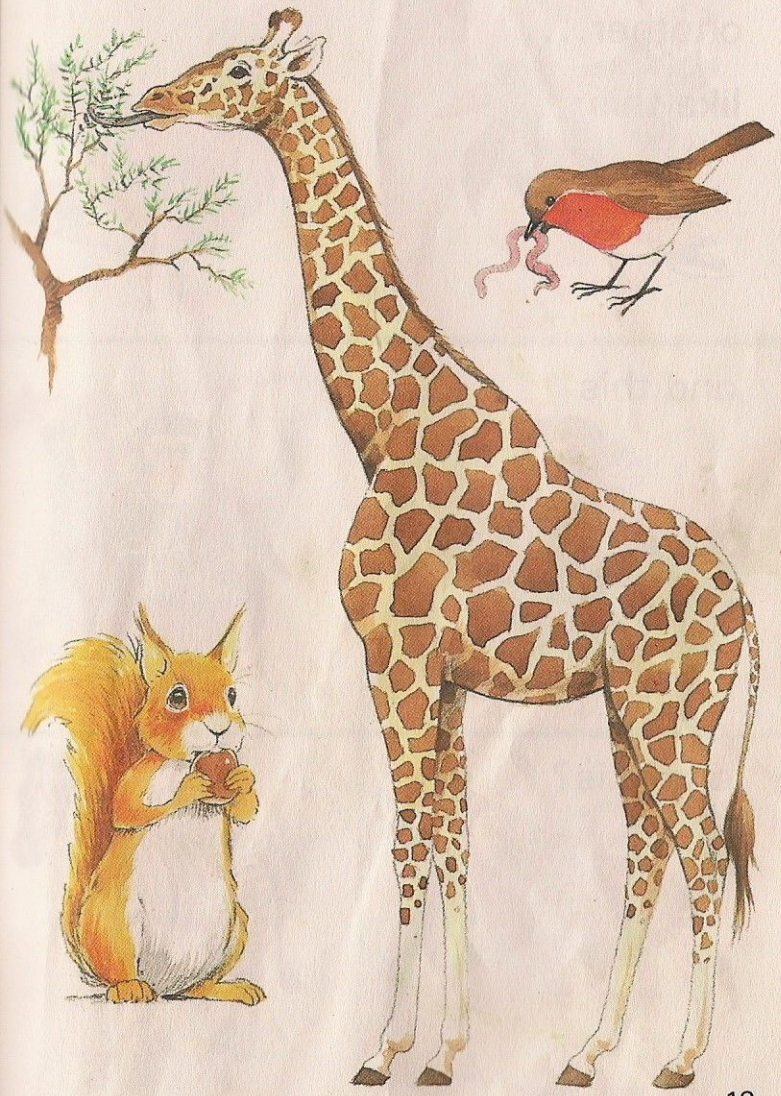


Did you find all five snakes?



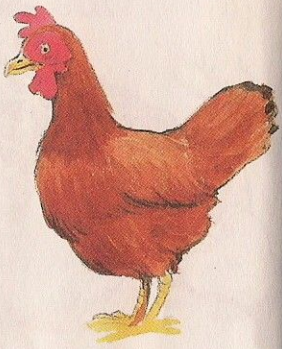
What do these animals eat?





Can you find another...

like this



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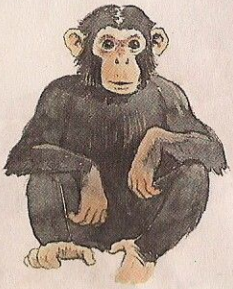

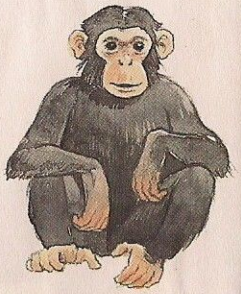

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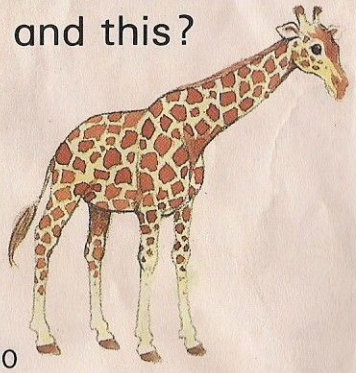
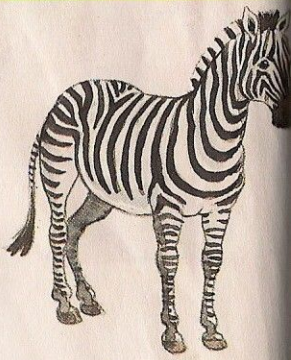
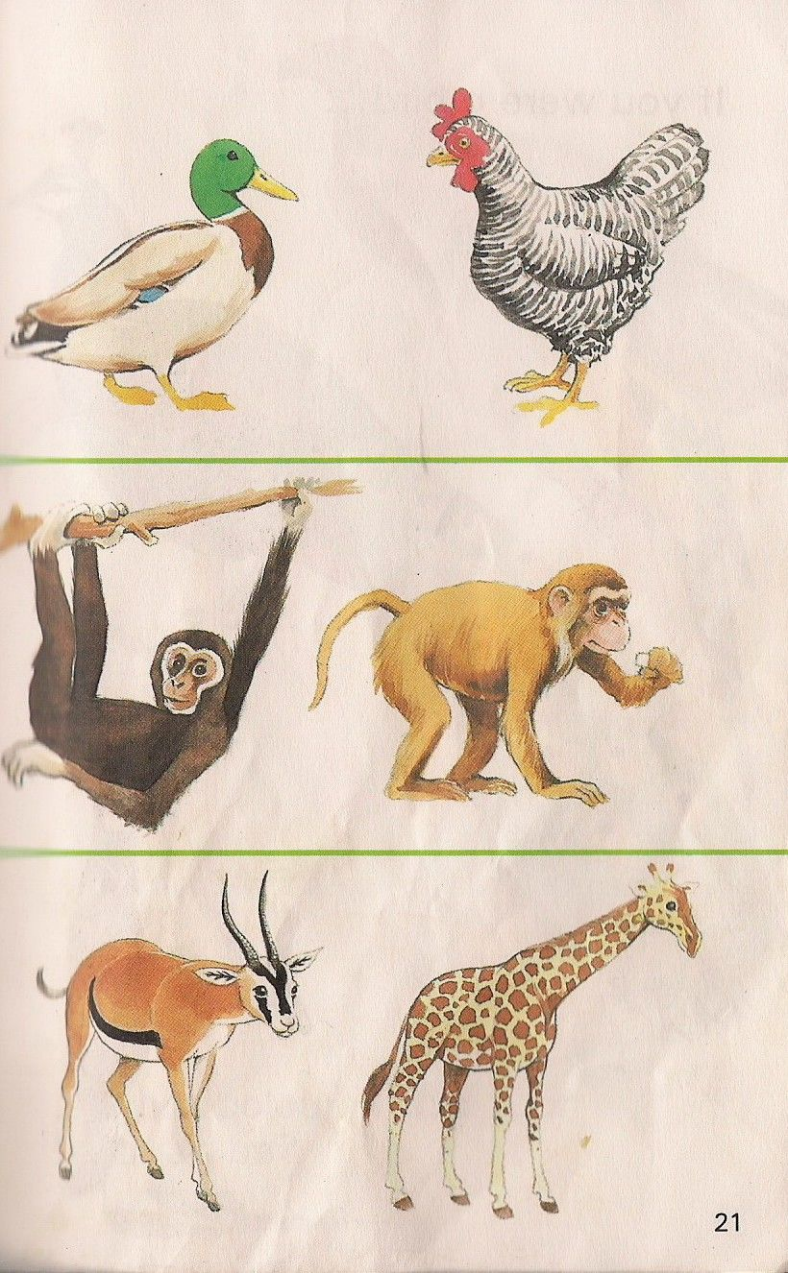


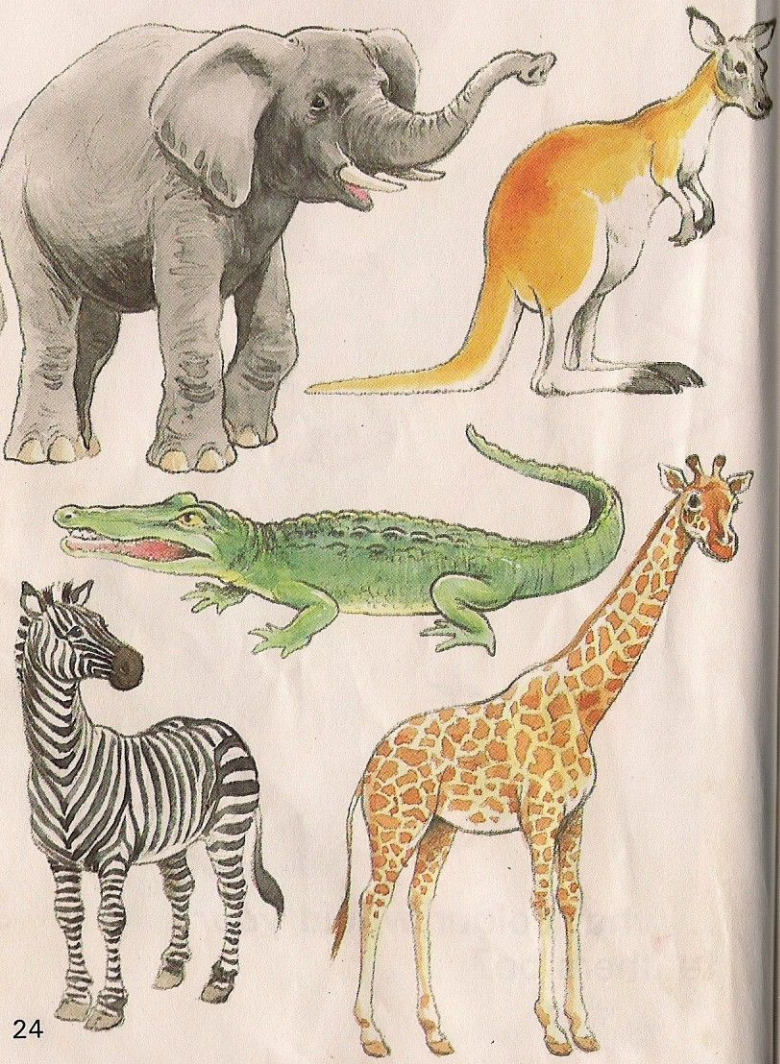




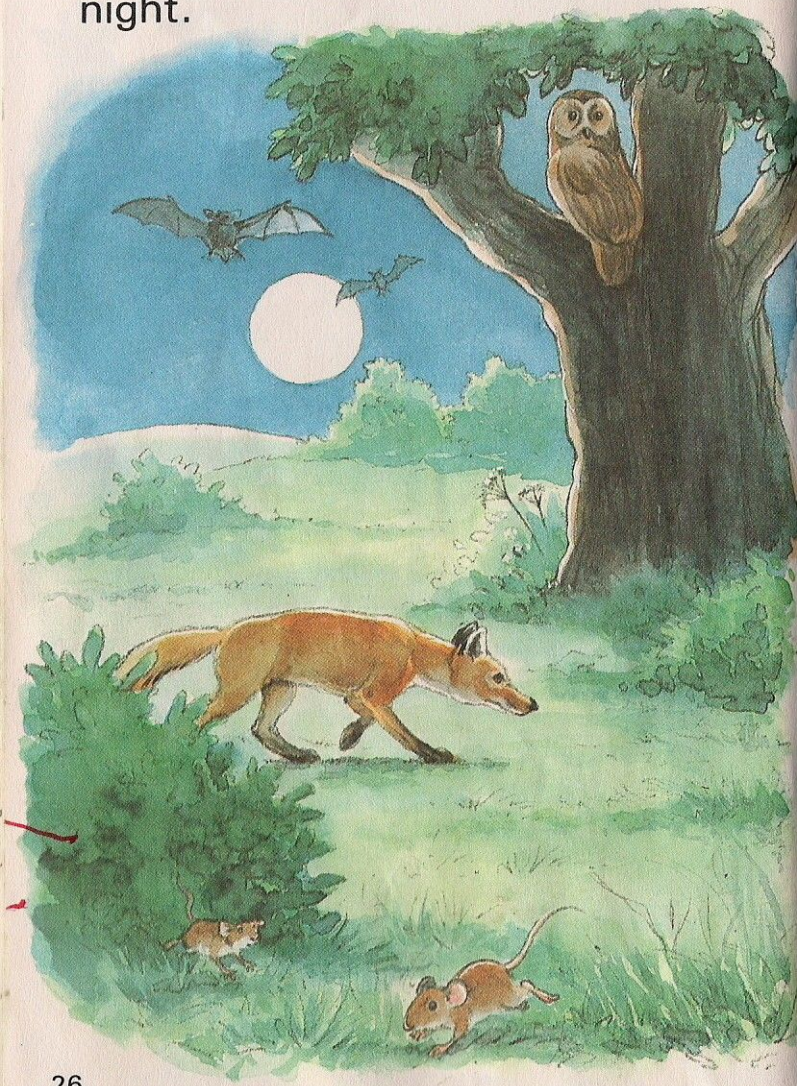
If you were a bird...

...what colour would *your* feathers be?

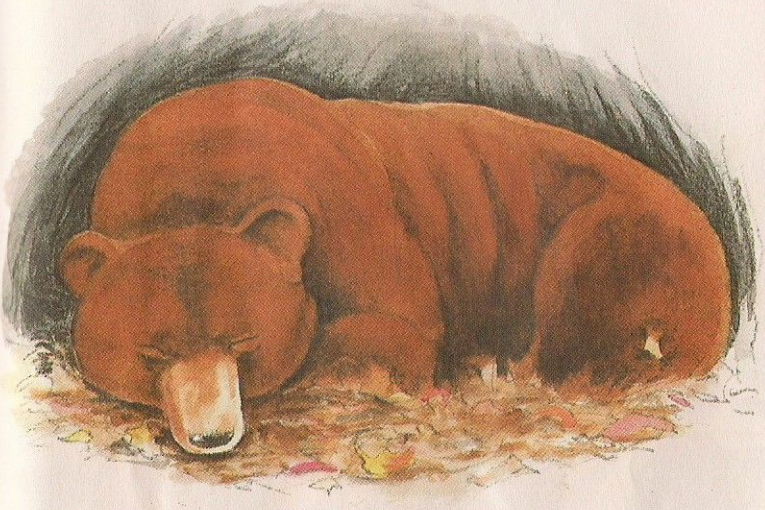
Can you match each animal to its shape?



Some animals are awake at night.

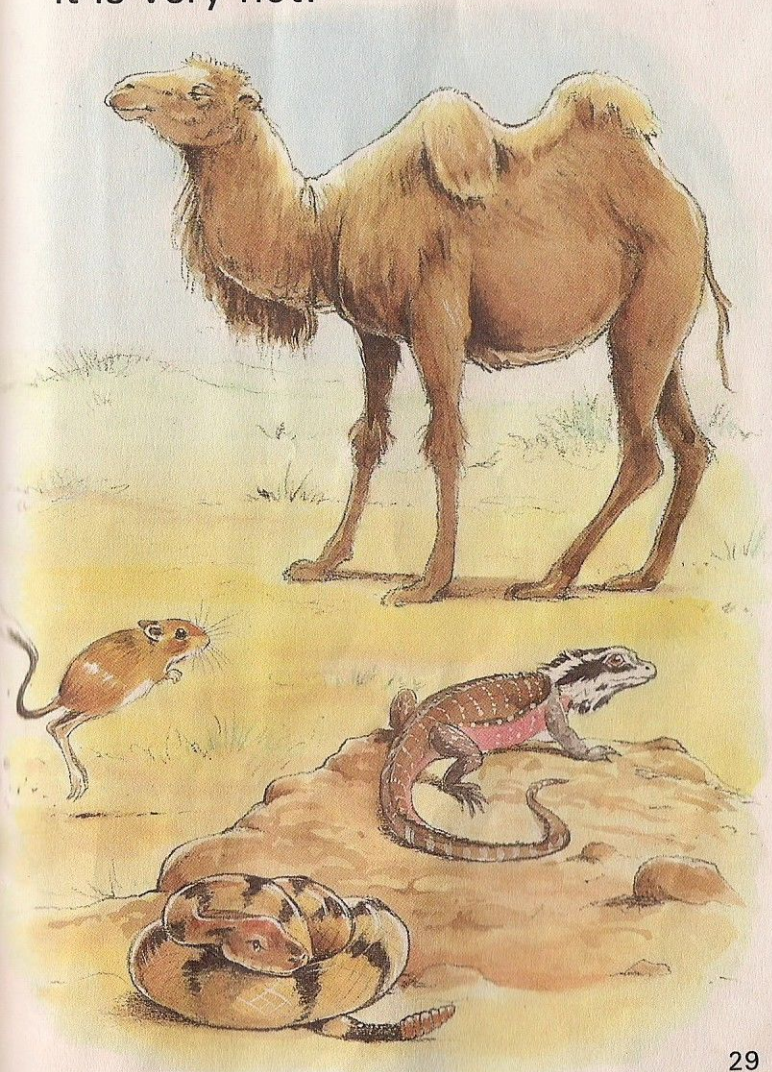


Some sleep through the winter.



Some animals live where it is very cold...

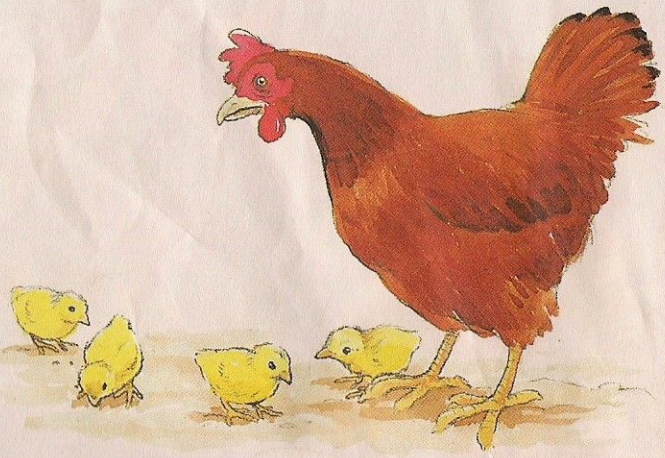
...and some live where
it is very hot.

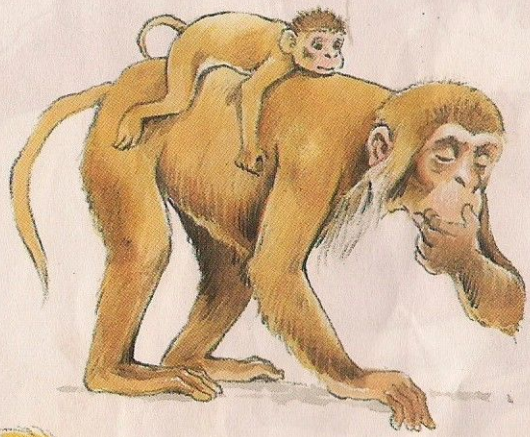


Many creatures live in the sea.

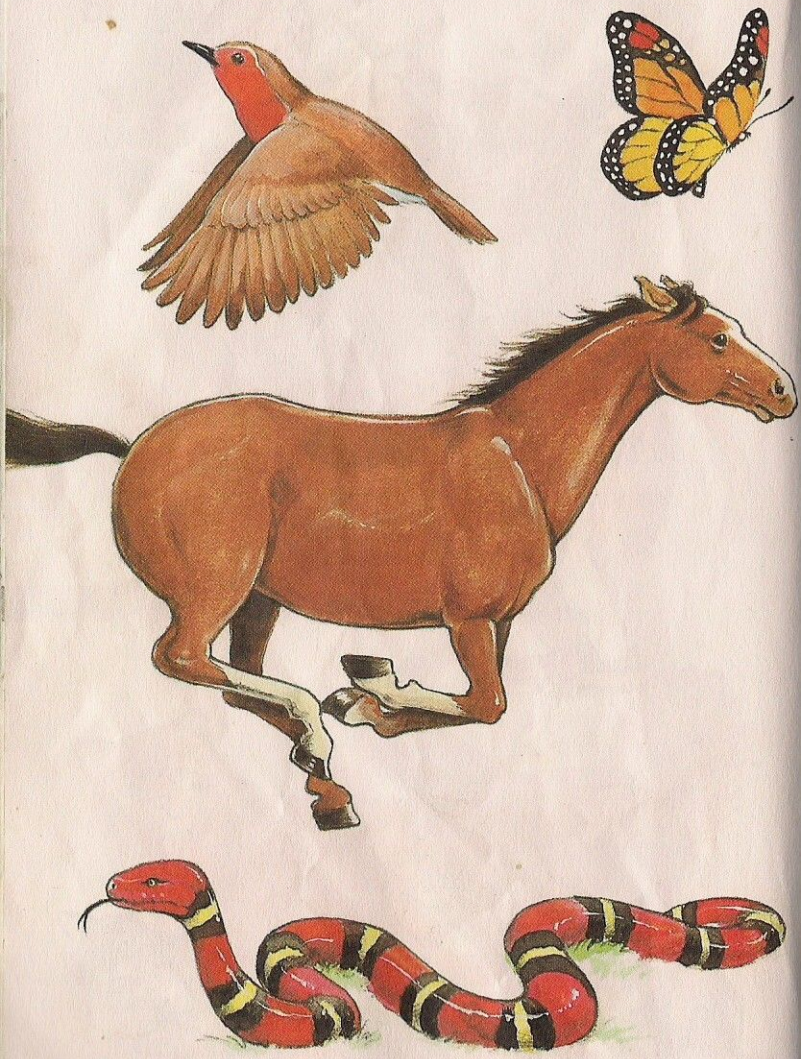
Can you find the jellyfish?

Here are some animals with their babies.



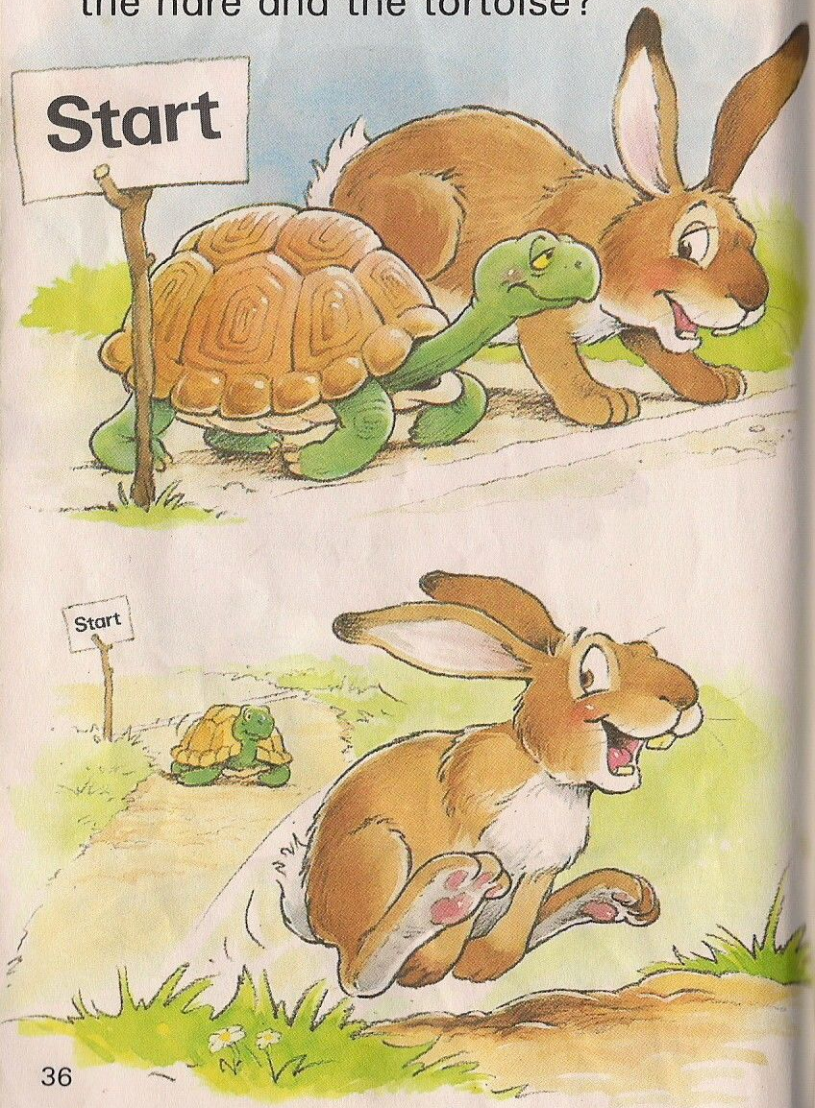


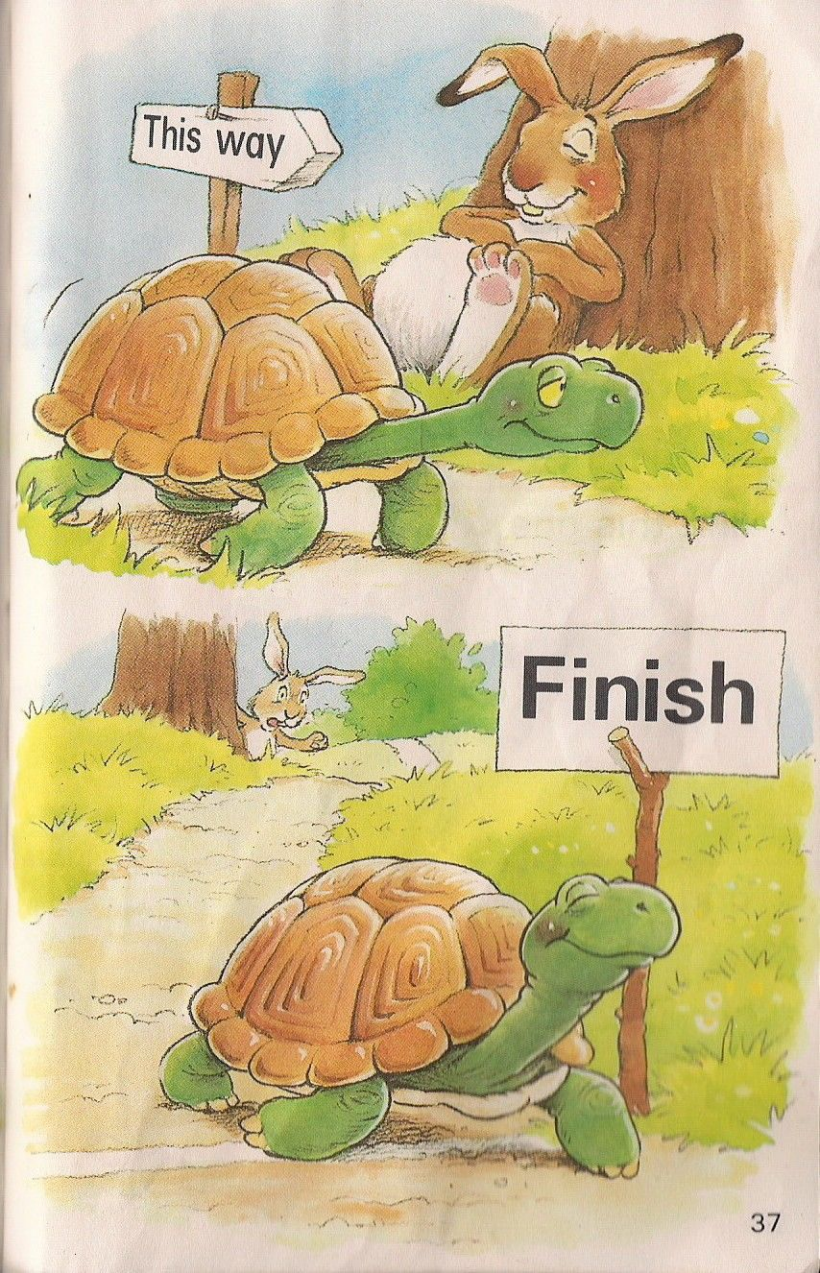
How do these animals move?



Can you jump like a kangaroo?

Can you tell the story about the hare and the tortoise?

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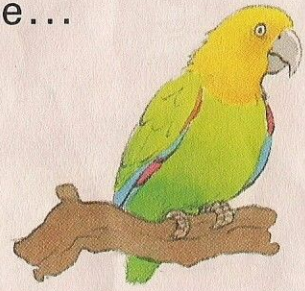

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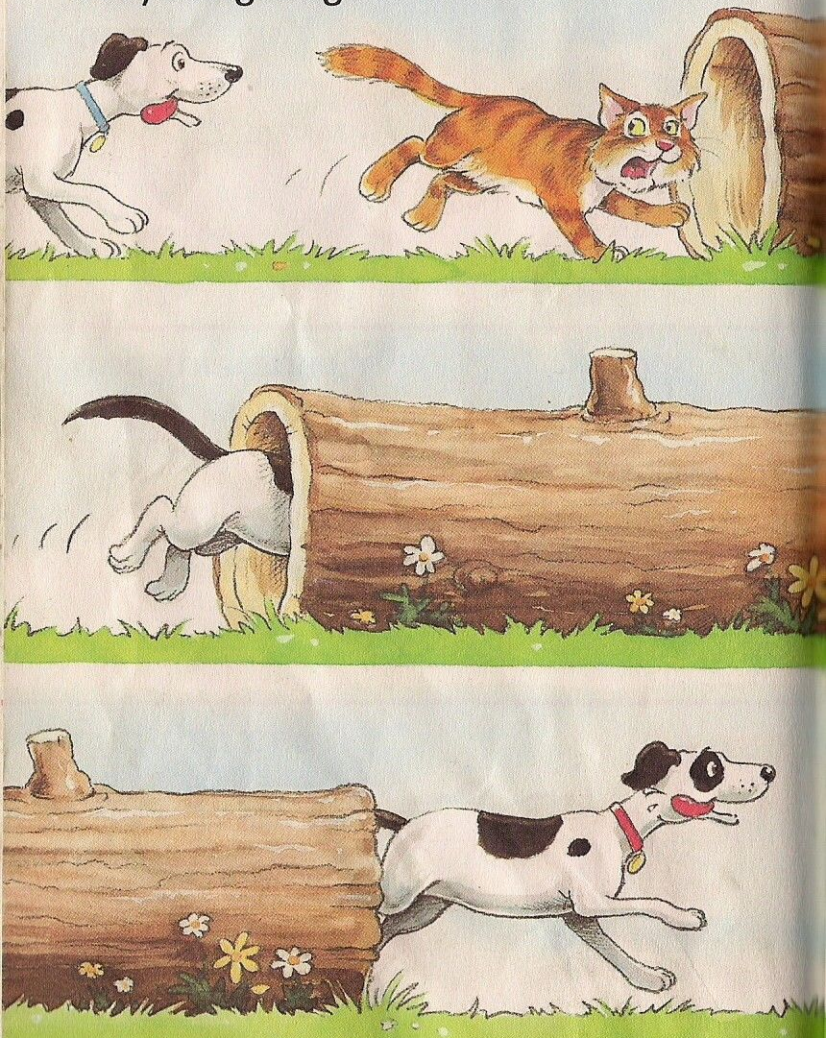
Can you tell the story of the very long dog?



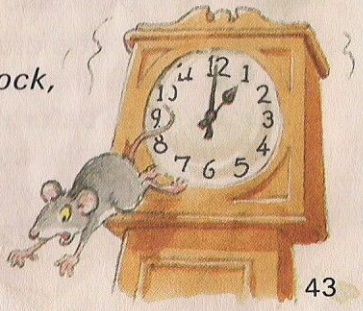
Here are some animal rhymes.
Can you say them?

Two little dicky birds,
Sitting on a wall;
One named Peter
The other named Paul.
Fly away, Peter!
Fly away, Paul!
Come back, Peter!
Come back, Paul!

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep
And doesn't know where to find them;
Leave them alone and they'll come home,
Bringing their tails behind them.

Hey diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped
over the moon;
The little dog laughed
To see such fun,
And the dish ran away
with the spoon.

Hickory, dickory, dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory, dickory, dock.



talkabout animals

Young children respond to the enthusiasm adults bring to discussions with them. If you are eager to talk and listen, your child will be, too. Don't feel self conscious about bringing that all important excitement and fantasy to conversations with your child.

Ladybird talkabout books are designed to encourage children to talk about their everyday experiences. There are suggestions on each page which will help you and your child to talk imaginatively about animals, both in the book and in the world around us.

Talking about picture stories helps children to understand that things happen in an order, with a 'before' and an 'after'. Use the pictures to tell the story yourself, first. Make the story special by, say, choosing a name for the very long dog, and wondering what

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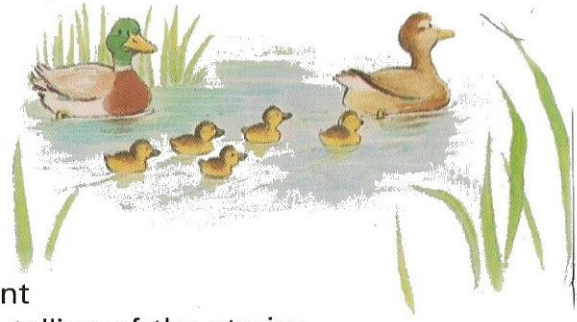

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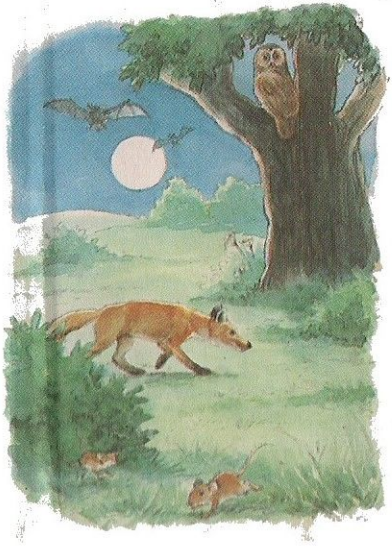

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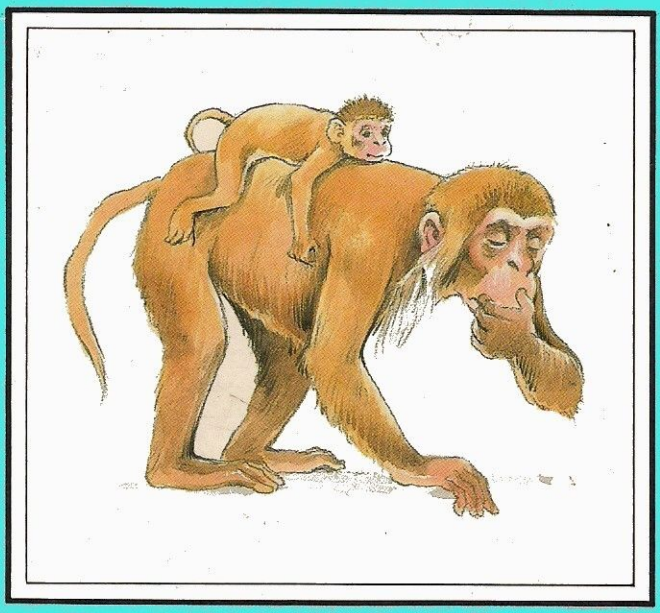

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